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TOTAL EMPOYMENT INCREASES SUBSTANTIALLY: Total employment in the State surged ahead by 37,200 people (+1.4 percent) to 2,751,800 from the middle of August to the middle of September of this year. Even though two of the three principal employment segments sustained declines, strong growth in the remaining sector more than offset those losses. To be specific, agricultural employment continued its seasonal drop, falling by 33,400 persons (-29.0 percent). Also, "all other" nonagricultural employment suffered a loss of 3,100 workers (-1.0 percent). On the positive side, nonagricultural wage and salary employment (excluding dual jobholders) rose by 73,700 people (+3.2 percent) over the month.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS MODEST MONTHLY GAIN: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (including dual jobholders) experienced a net monthly increase of 8,100 persons (+1.0 percent) to reach 796,300 in September. Most of that growth (5,700 or 70.4 percent) occurred in the durable goods segment as all of its industries either added workers or at least remained constant. Electrical machinery exhibited the largest net over-the-month increase, rising by 3,600 (+7.3 percent). Furniture and fixtures was a distant second with a net monthly gain of 800 workers (+1.0 percent). The nondurable goods segment made up the balance of the manufacturing growth by adding 2,400 people as most of its industry groups registered some kind of increase. Textile mill products was first with a net over-the-month climb of 1,300 workers (+0.6 percent). Tobacco manufacturing followed with a good net monthly gain of 1,000 (+4.1 percent).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES SEASONAL JUMP: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment advanced by 55,200 (+3.6 percent) from mid-August to mid-September, 1983. The main reason for that increase was the anticipated seasonal growth of 51,000 persons (+14.3 percent) in government due primarily to the reopening of schools. Also, transportation, communications, and public utilities enjoyed a strong gain of 6,000 workers (+5.5 percent) over the thirty-day period.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO SURPASS ONE YEAR AGO: Compared to September of 1982, both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment in North Carolina are well ahead. Manufacturing is up by 14,800 (+1.9 percent) with many of its industries recording good increases: lumber and wood, +2,300; furniture and fixtures, +2,600; stone, clay, and glass, +1,500; transportation equipment, +1,400; textiles, +6,800; and apparel and related products, +2,900. Nonmanufacturing rose by 31,100 (+2.0 percent) over the year as all of its industry groups experienced growth. The three largest were trade, +8,800; service and miscellaneous, +8,500; and government, +9,500.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO DECLINE: North Carolina's total unemployment dropped to 219,600 from mid-August to mid-September of this year. That was a net monthly decrease of 14,200 people (-6.1 percent). Consequently, the State's unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 7.9 percent in August to 7.4 percent in September. One year ago the unemployment situation was much worse because 254,600 persons were out of work and the rate was 8.6 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.8 percent in September, 1983, 9.2 percent in August, 1983, and 9.7 percent twelve months ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 9.3 percent this September, 9.5 percent in August, and 10.2 percent in September of 1982.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

September, 1983

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	September 2/ 1983	August 3/ 1983	September 1982	August, 1983		September, 1982	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,971,400	2,948,400	2,959,800	+ 23,000	+ 0.8	+ 11,600	+ 0.4
Employment, Total	2,751,800	2,714,600	2,705,200	+ 37,200	+ 1.4	+ 46,600	+ 1.7
Agricultural Employment	81,600	115,000	87,700	- 33,400	- 29.0	- 6,100	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,377,500	2,303,800	2,335,400	+ 73,700	+ 3.2	+ 42,100	+ 1.8
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	292,700	295,800	282,100	- 3,100	- 1.0	+ 10,600	+ 3.8
Unemployment, Total	219,600	233,800	254,600	- 14,200	- 6.1	- 35,000	- 13.7
State Unadjusted Rate	7.4	7.9	8.6	- 0.5	xxx	- 1.2	xxx
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.8	9.2	9.7	- 0.4	xxx	- 0.9	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)	9.3	9.5	10.2	- 0.2	xxx	- 0.9	xxx

1/ All data revised to reflect 1982 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

BOTH HOURLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED RISE: From mid-August to mid-September, 1983, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees enjoyed an increase of 4¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) to $6.70. Also, that figure represented a net yearly gain of 32¢ an hour (+5.0 percent). The durable goods segment experienced a good over-the-month rise of 8¢ an hour (+1.2 percent) to hit $6.94 this September. Over the year, durables rose by 34¢ an hour (+5.2 percent). Electrical machinery led the way in durables with a net over-the-month gain of 26¢ an hour (+3.4 percent) to reach $7.94. That was followed by nonelectrical machinery, which displayed net monthly growth of 10¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to arrive at $8.01. The nondurable goods segment registered a modest over-the-month increase of 1¢ an hour (+0.2 percent) for a $6.57 September figure. That was 31¢ an hour (+5.0 percent) above September of 1982. The nondurable goods industry group which exhibited the largest net monthly growth was paper and allied products, up by 16¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to $10.20. Printing, publishing, and allied was next, rising by 9¢ over the month (+1.2 percent) to a September, 1983, level of $7.68. From the middle of August to the middle of September of this year, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers increased by $3.63 (+1.3 percent) to $274.03. That was $31.59 (+13.0 percent) more than twelve months ago. Average weekly hours were 40.9 in September, 1983, a monthly rise of 0.3 of an hour and a yearly rise of 2.9 hours.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP OVER THE MONTH: According to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 301.8 in September, 1983. That figure represented a net monthly increase of 0.5 percent and a net yearly gain of 2.9 percent. Each of the main categories experienced over-the-month increases. The group which rose the most was "other" goods and services, climbing by 1.9 percent from August to September of this year. The cost of apparel and upkeep exhibited a monthly surge of 1.6 percent. Also, the cost of

housing was up by 0.5 percent over the month, making it a distant third. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $301.80 in September, 1983.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DECLINES NOTICEABLY: There were 163,207 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of September 30, 1983. That was a net monthly decrease of 8,139 persons (-4.8 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine age group was once again the largest active applicant segment with 98,678 or 60.5 percent of the total. Following that was the twenty-one and under sector which had 29,612 or 18.1 percent. As expected, the fifty-five and over segment had the fewest active applicants with 8,142 or 5.0 percent of the total. Females comprised the majority of the active applicants with 51.9 percent of the total and a count of 84,707. Furthermore, blacks, not Hispanic, made up 39.1 percent of the total and numbered 63,874. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of September 30, 1983.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

September 30, 1983

	Number	Percent
Total	163,207	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	29,612	18.1
22-39	98,678	60.5
40-54	26,775	16.4
55 and Over	8,142	5.0
Sex		
Male	78,500	48.1
Female	84,707	51.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	95,476	58.6
Black, not Hispanic	63,874	39.1
Hispanic	1,209	0.7
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,701	1.0
Other Races and Undetermined	947	0.6
Eligible Claimant	61,961	38.0
Veteran	24,901	15.3
Handicapped	9,801	6.0
Welfare	18,824	11.5
Seasonal Farmworker	2,652	1.6

JOB OPENINGS CONTINUE TO DECREASE: There were 24,641 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State during the month of September, 1983. That figure represented a net over-the-month decline of 2,254 (-8.4 percent). A good percentage of those jobs was filled (82.9 percent or 20,416). The occupational group with the largest number of job openings received in September was farming, fishing, and forestry with 6,661 and, once again, all were filled. Next came the miscellaneous occupational group with 3,634 job openings received in September and 3,186 or 87.7 percent filled. The third largest number of job openings received occurred in the service category with 3,017. Most of those were filled (2,297 or 76.1 percent). The professional, technical, and managerial group had the fewest job openings received in September with just 660. A rather low percentage was filled (40.5 percent or 267). During the 1983 Fiscal Year, there have been 226,127 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. The vast majority of those was filled (185,129 or 81.9 percent). As of September 30, 1983, there were 11,426 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. More than half of those (6,406 or 56.1 percent) had been open for thirty days or more and, therefore, should be classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings in September, 1983, and for the 1983 Fiscal Year.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	September, 1983		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of September 30, 1983	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	660	267	8,715	4,081	967	607
Clerical	2,261	1,496	24,583	17,195	1,557	777
Sales	925	572	8,131	5,032	771	453
Service	3,017	2,297	32,260	25,276	1,944	1,043
Domestic	242	180	3,128	2,698	61	26
Other Services	2,775	2,117	29,132	22,578	1,883	1,017
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	6,661	6,745	62,745	61,181	111	43
Processing	1,314	1,212	8,390	7,293	566	318
Machine Trades	1,498	1,060	14,159	10,167	1,238	730
Bench Work	2,281	1,787	19,565	16,122	1,748	1,138
Structural Work	2,390	1,794	23,921	18,627	1,493	828
Miscellaneous	3,634	3,186	23,658	20,155	1,031	469
Motor Freight & Trans.	400	269	4,491	3,096	234	104
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	3,173	2,871	18,366	16,534	741	330
Other	61	46	801	525	56	35
Total	24,641	20,416	226,127	185,129	11,425	6,406

1/ October 1, 1982, through September 30, 1983 (1983 Fiscal Year).

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983 (Thous.)	August 1983 (Thous.)	September 1982 (Thous.)	August 1983	September 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2392.6	2329.3	2346.7	+ 2.7	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	796.3	788.2	781.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
DURABLE GOODS	300.0	294.3	292.3	+ 1.9	+ 2.6
Lumber & Wood Products	33.7	33.7	31.4	0	+ 7.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.2	12.1	11.7	+ 0.8	+ 4.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.2	8.1	7.4	+ 1.2	+ 10.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.2	4.3	3.2	- 2.3	+ 31.3
Furniture & Fixtures	81.9	81.1	79.3	+ 1.0	+ 3.3
Household Furniture	73.4	72.9	70.6	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
Wood Household Furniture	38.5	38.3	37.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.3	30.2	28.7	+ 0.3	+ 5.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.5	17.3	16.0	+ 1.2	+ 9.4
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.3	1.8	0	+ 27.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.8	8.8	8.5	0	+ 3.5
Fabricated Metal Products	23.5	23.4	24.4	+ 0.4	- 3.7
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.4	9.4	10.1	0	- 6.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	50.6	50.6	50.2	0	+ 0.8
Special Industry Machinery	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	52.7	49.1	53.2	+ 7.3	- 0.9
Household Appliances	6.1	5.8	5.9	+ 5.2	+ 3.4
Transportation Equipment	16.4	15.7	15.0	+ 4.5	+ 9.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.6	14.3	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	496.3	493.9	489.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	43.7	43.0	43.4	+ 1.6	+ 0.7
Meat Products	17.2	16.8	17.0	+ 2.4	+ 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.8	6.7	- 2.9	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.5	24.5	27.3	+ 4.1	- 6.6
Cigarettes	18.4	18.7	19.3	- 1.6	- 4.7
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	6.4	5.2	7.3	+ 23.1	- 12.3
Textile Mill Products	227.5	226.2	220.7	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.3	64.7	65.3	+ 0.9	0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.5	34.1	34.3	+ 1.2	+ 0.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.6	30.3	30.7	+ 1.0	- 0.3
Knitting Mills	77.3	76.8	74.0	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.6	23.4	21.6	+ 0.9	+ 9.3
Hosiery, NEC	21.9	21.9	21.4	0	+ 2.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.8	15.6	15.1	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.6	6.6	6.4	0	+ 3.1
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.4	14.0	+ 0.6	+ 10.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.3	56.2	54.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.9

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983 (Thous.)	August 1983 (Thous.)	September 1982 (Thous.)	August 1983	September 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.2	88.8	86.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.3	27.2	27.6	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.5	43.2	41.5	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.6	21.7	+ 0.9	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.7	10.9	0	- 1.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.5	6.4	6.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Printing & Publishing	21.2	21.2	21.1	0	+ 1.0
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.2	0	+ 6.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.0	36.4	36.4	- 1.1	- 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.5	13.8	14.1	- 2.2	- 4.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.0	26.7	26.1	- 2.6	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.5	6.3	- 1.9	- 14.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1596.3	1541.1	1565.2	+ 3.6	+ 2.0
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.7	0	+ 4.3
CONSTRUCTION	106.2	10.67	104.4	- 0.5	+ 1.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.7	109.7	115.5	+ 5.5	+ 0.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	56.5	55.9	55.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.7	48.3	54.4	+ 11.2	- 1.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	489.1	488.1	480.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Wholesale Trade	128.0	128.0	128.4	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.7	73.8	71.8	- 0.1	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.3	54.2	56.6	+ 0.2	- 4.1
Retail Trade	361.1	360.1	351.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
General Merchandise Stores	53.5	53.5	52.2	0	+ 2.5
Variety Stores	13.7	13.7	12.7	0	+ 7.9
Food Stores	59.6	58.5	58.3	+ 1.7	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.1	100.7	98.0	- 0.6	+ 2.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	371.8	373.5	363.3	- 0.5	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.8	22.6	20.6	- 3.5	+ 5.8
Personal Services	23.0	22.9	22.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	10.1	.0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	408.5	357.5	399.0	+ 14.3	+ 2.4
Federal	49.7	49.8	48.7	- 0.2	+ 2.1
State	120.0	111.4	116.5	+ 7.7	+ 3.0
Education	61.2	50.5	58.8	+ 21.2	+ 4.1
Other	58.8	60.9	57.7	- 3.4	+ 1.9
Local	238.8	196.3	233.8	+ 21.7	+ 2.1
Education	137.1	91.2	133.4	+ 50.3	+ 2.8
Other	101.7	105.1	100.4	- 3.2	+ 1.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1983
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983 (Thous)	August 1983 (Thous)	September 1982 (Thous)	August 1983	September 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2374.3	2354.8	2327.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	791.6	787.0	776.6	+ 0.6	+ 1.9
DURABLE GOODS	299.6	295.6	291.9	+ 1.4	+ 2.6
Lumber & Wood Products	33.4	33.3	31.1	+ 0.3	+ 7.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.0	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 4.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.1	8.0	7.4	+ 1.2	+ 9.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.1	3.1	0	+ 32.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.1	82.8	79.5	- 0.8	+ 3.3
Household Furniture	73.5	74.6	70.8	- 1.5	+ 3.8
Wood Household Furniture	38.6	39.1	37.4	- 1.3	+ 3.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.3	30.5	28.7	- 0.7	+ 5.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.3	17.2	15.9	+ 0.6	+ 8.8
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	1.7	0	+ 29.4
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.7	4.7	4.1	0	+ 14.6
Primary Metal Industries	8.8	8.9	8.5	- 1.1	+ 3.5
Fabricated Metal Products	23.4	23.4	24.3	0	- 3.7
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.3	9.5	10.0	- 2.1	- 7.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	50.8	50.8	50.4	0	+ 0.8
Special Industry Machinery	6.7	6.8	6.7	- 1.5	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	52.4	48.9	52.8	+ 13.3	- 0.8
Household Appliances	5.6	5.4	5.5	+ 1.9	+ 1.8
Transportation Equipment	16.5	15.7	15.1	+ 5.1	+ 9.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.6	14.3	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	492.0	491.4	484.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	43.2	42.5	42.9	+ 1.6	+ 0.7
Meat Products	17.2	16.7	17.0	+ 3.0	+ 1.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 3.6	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.7	0	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	22.6	24.3	+ 0.4	- 6.6
Cigarettes	18.5	18.5	19.4	0	- 4.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.7	3.8	4.2	- 2.6	- 11.9
Textile Mill Products	227.5	226.2	220.7	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.6	64.6	65.5	+ 1.5	+ 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.8	34.2	34.6	+ 1.8	+ 0.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.4	30.4	30.6	0	- 0.7
Knitting Mills	77.2	76.6	73.9	+ 0.8	+ 4.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.7	23.4	21.7	+ 1.3	+ 9.2
Hosiery, NEC	21.9	21.8	21.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.9	15.7	15.2	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.6	6.3	- 1.5	+ 3.2
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.6	15.4	14.1	+ 1.3	+ 10.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.4	56.0	54.8	+ 0.7	+ 2.9

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

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(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983 (Thous)	August 1983 (Thous)	September 1982 (Thous)	August 1983	September 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.1	88.3	85.2	- 0.2	+ 3.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	26.9	26.9	27.2	0	- 1.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.2	42.9	41.3	+ 0.7	+ 4.6
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	21.7	21.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.8	6.4	- 0.9	+ 67.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.6	6.5	8.3	+ 1.5	- 20.5
Printing & Publishing	21.4	21.6	21.2	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Newspapers	8.8	8.8	8.3	0	+ 6.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.1	36.5	36.5	- 1.1	- 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.9	14.2	- 1.4	- 3.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	25.7	26.5	25.8	- 3.0	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.5	6.4	0	- 14.1
NONMANUFACTURING	1582.7	1567.8	1551.2	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.7	0	+ 4.3
CONSTRUCTION	103.3	102.2	101.5	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.1	109.0	114.9	+ 5.6	+ 0.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	55.7	55.9	54.8	- 0.4	+ 1.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.8	47.7	54.5	+ 12.8	- 1.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	484.4	483.6	475.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Wholesale Trade	125.1	124.9	125.2	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	73.8	73.5	71.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51.3	51.4	53.4	- 0.2	- 2.1
Retail Trade	359.3	358.7	350.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
General Merchandise Stores	54.3	54.2	52.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Variety Stores	13.8	13.8	12.8	0	+ 7.8
Food Stores	59.0	58.3	57.8	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.3	98.9	98.2	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	368.5	365.8	359.8	+ 0.7	+ 2.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.6	19.2	19.5	+ 7.3	+ 5.6
Personal Services	23.4	23.3	22.7	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	10.1	0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	406.2	403.4	396.8	+ 0.7	+ 2.4
Federal	49.9	49.3	48.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.0
State	121.1	119.8	117.6	+ 1.1	+ 3.0
Education	61.9	60.2	59.5	+ 2.8	+ 4.0
Other	59.2	59.6	58.1	- 0.7	+ 1.9
Local	235.2	234.3	230.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Education	132.7	132.0	129.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Other	102.5	102.3	101.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1983

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1983	August 1983	September 1982	August 1983	September 1982
MANUFACTURING	637.8	628.9	621.1	+ 1.4	+ 2.7
DURABLE GOODS	229.0	222.7	220.5	+ 2.8	+ 3.9
Lumber & Wood Products	29.4	29.4	27.0	0	+ 8.9
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.2	7.2	6.5	0	+ 10.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.8	2.6	- 2.6	+ 42.3
Furniture & Fixtures	73.0	72.1	70.3	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Household Furniture	66.2	65.6	63.2	+ 0.9	+ 4.7
Wood Household Furniture	35.5	35.4	34.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.2	14.0	12.7	+ 1.4	+ 11.8
Structural Clay Products	1.8	1.8	1.3	0	+ 38.5
Primary Metal Industries	6.4	6.4	6.1	0	4.9
Fabricated Metal Products	17.2	17.1	17.8	+ 0.6	- 3.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.0	25.7	26.0	+ 1.2	0
Special Industry Machinery	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	37.8	34.0	37.6	+ 11.2	+ 0.5
Household Appliances	5.4	5.2	5.3	+ 3.8	+ 1.9
Transportation Equipment	13.2	12.5	11.9	+ 5.6	+ 10.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.8	406.2	400.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Food & Kindred Products	29.7	29.1	29.6	+ 2.1	+ 0.3
Meat Products	14.7	14.4	14.5	+ 2.1	+ 1.4
Meat Packing	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.6	2.7	2.7	- 3.7	- 3.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.0	20.0	22.8	+ 5.0	- 7.9
Cigarettes	14.7	15.1	15.5	- 2.6	- 5.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.7	4.3	6.7	+ 32.6	- 14.9
Textile Mill Products	203.2	201.9	195.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	59.4	58.7	58.4	+ 1.2	+ 1.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.2	30.8	30.6	+ 1.3	+ 2.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.1	27.8	27.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
Knitting Mills	67.8	67.4	64.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.8	20.6	19.0	+ 1.0	+ 9.5
Hosiery, NEC	20.2	20.2	19.7	0	+ 2.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.5	13.4	12.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.7	5.6	5.4	+ 1.8	+ 5.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.1	13.0	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 12.9
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.8	51.8	50.2	0	+ 3.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.2	76.8	74.5	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.4	23.3	23.8	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.7	37.4	35.7	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.4	16.5	+ 1.8	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	7.8	8.1	+ 1.3	- 2.5
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.1	5.0	4.9	+ 2.0	+ 4.1
Printing & Publishing	12.5	12.5	12.6	0	- 0.8
Newspapers	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 6.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.3	23.6	23.1	- 1.3	+ 0.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.4	9.6	9.4	- 2.1	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	20.6	21.2	20.6	- 2.8	0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.6	4.7	5.4	- 2.1	- 14.8

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

September, 1983

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1983	August 1983	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1983	August 1983	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1983	August 1983	Sept. 1982
MANUFACTURING	$274.03	$270.40	$242.44	40.9	40.6	38.0	$ 6.70	$ 6.66	$ 6.38
DURABLE GOODS	284.54	278.52	246.84	41.0	40.6	37.4	6.94	6.86	6.60
Lumber & Wood Products	238.05	233.13	209.44	41.4	40.9	38.5	5.75	5.70	5.44
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	229.90	231.84	206.01	41.2	41.4	37.8	5.58	5.60	5.45
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	278.47	255.00	219.73	41.5	40.8	36.2	6.71	6.25	6.07
Furniture & Fixtures	236.59	233.22	202.13	39.3	39.0	35.4	6.02	5.98	5.71
Household Furniture	236.79	233.43	199.58	39.4	39.1	35.2	6.01	5.97	5.67
Wood Household Furniture	232.76	229.82	194.75	40.2	39.9	35.8	5.79	5.76	5.44
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	316.59	314.39	262.55	42.1	42.2	37.4	7.52	7.45	7.02
Structural Clay Products	256.97	254.40	216.06	42.9	42.4	39.0	5.99	6.00	5.54
Primary Metal Industries	338.47	338.52	286.10	43.9	43.4	39.3	7.71	7.80	7.28
Fabricated Metal Products	311.64	321.14	275.38	42.0	42.2	38.3	7.42	7.61	7.19
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	339.62	329.85	309.57	42.4	41.7	40.1	8.01	7.91	7.72
Special Industry Machinery	302.41	296.87	264.22	41.2	40.5	37.8	7.34	7.33	6.99
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	331.89	312.58	288.41	41.8	40.7	37.8	7.94	7.68	7.63
Household Appliances	261.32	252.96	220.80	42.7	40.8	38.2	6.12	6.20	5.78
Transportation Equipment	319.96	309.48	272.65	42.1	41.1	37.4	7.60	7.53	7.29
NONDURABLE GOODS	268.71	266.34	240.38	40.9	40.6	38.4	6.57	6.56	6.26
Food & Kindred Products	251.31	253.75	239.60	40.6	40.6	40.0	6.19	6.25	5.99
Meat Products	203.99	204.19	193.67	38.2	38.6	38.2	5.34	5.29	5.07
Meat Packing	326.32	323.33	321.92	42.6	42.6	41.7	7.66	7.59	7.72
Dairy Products	260.65	262.91	250.06	42.8	43.1	42.6	6.09	6.10	5.87
Grain Mill Products	312.82	298.81	292.25	45.6	44.4	45.1	6.86	6.73	6.48
Bakery Products	268.25	282.07	258.26	39.8	42.1	40.8	6.74	6.70	6.33
Beverages	474.83	497.01	458.30	47.2	48.3	46.2	10.06	10.29	9.92
Tobacco Manufacturers	391.93	404.74	378.65	38.2	38.4	39.9	10.26	10.54	9.49
Cigarettes	478.75	473.17	464.05	38.3	38.5	38.8	12.50	12.29	11.96
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	175.26	173.96	184.88	38.1	37.9	42.6	4.60	4.59	4.34
Textile Mill Products	253.12	250.66	215.65	41.7	41.5	37.9	6.07	6.04	5.69
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	280.87	278.46	237.93	42.3	42.0	38.5	6.64	6.63	6.18
Weaving Mills, Cotton	282.56	275.47	244.67	42.3	41.3	39.4	6.68	6.67	6.21
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	279.84	281.39	231.24	42.4	42.7	37.6	6.60	6.59	6.15
Knitting Mills	226.16	226.64	202.29	40.1	40.4	37.6	5.64	5.61	5.38
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	206.42	209.35	196.60	38.8	39.5	38.1	5.32	5.30	5.16
Hosiery, NEC	210.60	213.40	189.19	38.5	39.3	35.9	5.47	5.43	5.27
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	264.08	256.65	243.95	42.8	41.8	41.7	6.17	6.14	5.85
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	267.84	280.35	206.15	43.2	45.0	35.0	6.20	6.23	5.89
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	270.30	269.66	232.85	42.3	42.4	39.2	6.39	6.36	5.94
Yarn & Thread Mills	248.24	243.34	203.83	42.8	42.1	37.4	5.80	5.78	5.45
Apparel & Other Textile Products	185.17	184.02	168.43	38.1	38.1	36.3	4.86	4.83	4.64
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	178.33	184.50	162.50	36.1	37.5	34.5	4.94	4.92	4.71
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	177.46	172.88	164.05	38.0	37.5	36.7	4.67	4.61	4.47
Paper & Allied Products	455.94	439.75	442.22	44.7	43.8	44.4	10.20	10.04	9.96
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	563.34	532.51	534.39	46.1	44.9	47.0	12.22	11.86	11.37
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	344.29	331.52	280.55	46.4	44.8	40.6	7.42	7.40	6.91
Printing & Publishing	293.38	287.66	269.80	38.2	37.9	38.0	7.68	7.59	7.10
Newspapers	262.23	256.88	257.28	34.1	33.8	35.1	7.69	7.60	7.33
Chemicals & Allied Products	359.22	359.63	338.24	42.1	41.1	39.7	8.77	8.75	8.52
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	414.09	405.34	383.80	43.0	42.4	40.7	9.63	9.56	9.43
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	361.96	357.44	315.21	43.4	42.3	39.5	8.34	8.45	7.98
MINING	280.28	284.62	288.54	38.5	40.2	42.0	7.28	7.08	6.87
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	426.62	404.17	393.57	41.5	41.2	40.7	10.28	9.81	9.67
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	193.05	194.25	196.65	33.4	33.9	34.2	5.78	5.73	5.75
Wholesale Trade	269.04	276.11	261.80	38.6	39.5	38.9	6.97	6.99	6.73
Retail Trade	168.86	168.20	168.20	31.8	32.1	32.1	5.31	5.24	5.24
General Merchandise Stores	147.56	148.32	146.95	30.3	30.9	31.2	4.87	4.80	4.71
Variety Stores	122.25	123.58	INA	32.6	33.4	INA	3.75	3.70	INA
Food Stores	193.38	191.22	186.50	32.5	32.8	32.1	5.95	5.83	5.81
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	122.25	124.94	126.45	29.6	30.4	31.3	4.13	4.11	4.04
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	168.22	168.22	160.31	34.9	34.9	34.7	4.82	4.82	4.62

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.